

## Minutes of Committee Meeting Held on the 09/03/11

1. Present: WBW, DW, ID, PC, AG, SW, JW, DK, P. Carter
2. Apologies for Absence: Bob South
3. Minutes of last meeting: Approved after amendment to para 8 AG reported that "he and Ivor" etc.

### 4. Matters Arising:

All completed apart from AG/PC to do inventory of apiary equipment. Action AG/PC

### 5. Chairman's Report:

The chairman reported that she had contacted Business Link in regard to grants. Grants from Business Link only apply to small businesses so we would not qualify.

I.D. reported on the approach he made to the owner of the small orchard on Brinsea Road. We could have an apiary there but could not purchase the land.

After a general discussion regarding potential grant providers and the formation of a sub committee to deal with developments it was agreed that the Hon Sec will send out an email to the membership to see if any expertise existists in the club.

Action DW

### 6. Treasurer's Report:

Currently we have 122 members including 14 partners, 8 associates, 3 Hon, and 1 country.

We currently have £5929.96 in our account, but will shortly have to pay ABKA £526.16 BBKA £1484.84 BDI £370.05 that will leave £3548

It was reported that we have gained additional income through gift aid of £332

It was agreed to print off some forms to ensure we have more member's sign up.

Action DW

## 7. Secretary's Report

It was suggested that a post of Membership Secretary should be initiated.

The secretary stated that he was still receiving enquiries regarding membership and was replying with the necessary information.

## 8. Apiary Manager's Report

All the colonies from Langford have now been moved along with several of the hive stands!!

In the new season the apiary will be mapped with hive owners names and addresses.

*Action AG/PC*

It was agreed to charge members a "Hive Entry" fee of £15.00 to cover the costs of treatments etc.

*Action AG/PC*

Ashley will take over as Apiary Manager in November 2011

## 9. Swarm Liaison

Nothing to report.

## 10. Programme Manager's Report

The meeting with Chris Sperring has been confirmed for May 21st and will be concerned with the carder bee.

A flyer will be produced by DK

*Action DK*

Debbie reported that she will be moving on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> April so will not be available and that Peter Carter will take on responsibility for the Programme.

## 11. Education Officer's Report

ID reported on the success of all the courses that we have run so far this year.

ID reported that he and Tom Salter will be concentrating on other educational projects next year and will not be available for the Beginners course or the Novice course. There will be a module course (5) next year and General Husbandry which will be offered to ABKA members.

DW agreed to head the Beginners Course and WBW agreed to be Course Secretary.

It was further agreed that next year the B.C. would be charged at £90.00

Flyers will be produced for the Bath & West Show giving information on the courses we will be running next year.

Action WBW

## 12. ABKA Rep's Report

A discussion took place regarding the BDI form. It was agreed that although the form seemed archaic there was nothing we could do about it at this stage.

## 13. AOB

13.1. It was agreed that PC would arrange the Christmas Meal at an alternative venue. Gatcombe Farm was proposed and PC and DK will investigate. The date of the meal could be flexible.

Action PC

13.2 BC&DBK Web site it was agreed to produce our own web site.

Action AG/WBW

## 13.3 George Sim's Bequest

ID outlined the equipment left to the branch.

It was agreed to place the 3 microscopes on E Bay

Action DW/ID

To Purchase a George Sim's Memorial Cup for the Portishead Show.

Action WBW

To purchase a suitable microscope for the branch at Stoneleigh

Action ID

## 13.4 Additional Shows

It was agreed to progress the request from the Churchill May Day (1<sup>st</sup> May) committee.

Action WBW

To obtain further information regarding the Bishop Sutton Show

Action DW

### 13.5 Price of Honey

The following prices will be charged at shows

1lb £5.50      12oz £4.50      8oz £3.50

### 13.6 Price of Nuc's

Five frame nuc's produced this year will be charged as follows

BC&DBK members £150                      £110 to PC £40 to branch

Non Members      £175                      £135 to PC £40 to branch

There being no other matters the meeting closed at 21.45

Date of next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May Ivor's House subject to approval.